

SENATE CHAMBER,

AUSTIN, Texas, June 11, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Don Campbell presiding. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Absent—Senator Baker.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Reports of Committee on Internal Improvements:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
June 11, 1870.

To the Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of State Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 90, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Sabine and Neches River and Pine Island Bayou Internal Improvement Company," have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully recommend that it do pass.

WEBSTER FLANAGAN,
Chairman.

Laid over under the rules.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, June 11, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 47, entitled "An Act to amend an act to incorporate the Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company," have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend that it do pass.

WEBSTER FLANAGAN,
Chairman.

Laid over under the rules.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Austin, June 11, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvement, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 82, an act entitled "An Act to Amend Section One, Two, Three, Five, Six, Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen, Nineteen and Twenty of 'An Act to Incorporate the Waco Tap Rail-

road Company,''' have had the same under consideration, and respectfully ask that it do pass, with amendment to section eleven: "Provided, That this company shall be subject to any general law that is now in force, or may hereafter be passed regulating the charges for freights and passengers on railroads."

WEBSTER FLANAGAN,

Chairman.

Laid over under the rules.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Parsons, "An Act to Incorporate Burgess' Business College, of Galveston, Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Hall, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Fairfield."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Dohoney, A bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate the North Texas Railroad Company."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Gaines, a bill entitled "An Act Exempting Certain Property from Taxation and Execution."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Pridgen, a bill entitled "An Act for the Relief of Alford S. Thurmond."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Also, a bill to be entitled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Rock Port."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Bowers—A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate popular elections in the State of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Also, "An Act to incorporate the Florence Male and Female High School, and to prohibit the sale of spirituous or other intoxicating liquors within six miles of the same."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Message from the House by chief clerk:

House Bill No. 12, "An Act to incorporate the Island City Real Estate and Homestead Association."

Also, House Bill No. 26, to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Galveston Bay Dredging Company."

Also, House Bill No. 17, entitled "An Act to incorporate the

Jewish Congregation B'nai Israel of Galveston, Texas."

Also, House Bill No. 19, entitled "An Act to incorporate Pennington College."

Also, House Bill No. 201, "An Act to provide for the appointment, by the Governor, of certain officers to fill vacancies."

SUSPENSION OF RULES.

On motion of Senator Alford the rules were suspended to take from file House Joint Resolution No. 15, requiring the late assessors and collectors to complete the assessment of taxes in their respective counties, and make return thereof to the Comptroller of Public Accounts on or before the 1st day of August, 1870.

Rules suspended and the bill read first time.

On motion of Senator Alford, the rules were suspended, and the bill read second time.

On motion of Senator Flanagan the rules were suspended, and bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Cole the rules were suspended to take from file House Bill No. 140, "An Act to provide for the distribution of the money now in the State Treasury, which is due to the several counties in the State."

Rules suspended, bill read second time.

On motion of Senator Mills, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Flanagan the rules were suspended to take from file House Bill No. 16, "An Act to incorporate the Magnolia Grove Association of Galveston, Texas"

Bill read first time, rules suspended and bill read second time; and on further suspension of rules, bill was read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Ruby the rules were suspended to take from file Senate Bill No. 55, "An Act to organize and define the powers of the Criminal and District Courts in and for the counties of Galveston and Harris, and to prescribe the duties thereof."

Report of committee read, amendments adopted, and the bill, under suspension of rules, read as amended and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Ruby the rules were suspended and the bill read third time and passed.

Senator Dohoney moved suspension of rules to take up Senate bill No. 99, to authorize the incorporated towns and cities of the State of Texas to elect municipal officers.

Bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senator Dohoney moved further suspension of rules to put the bill on third reading.

Yeas and nays called for. Result as follows:

Yeas—Alford, Bell, Bowers, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Gaines, Latimer, Pettit, Pickett, Pridgen, Pyle, Shannon—17.

Nays—Mr. President, Fountain, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Priest, Ruby, Saylor—9.

So the Senate refused to suspend the rules, four-fifths not voting in the affirmative.

Senator Bowers moved to suspend the rules to take up Senate bill No. 93, "An Act for the improvement of the navigation of the Colorado."

Rules suspended and bill read second time, and on motion of Senator Bowers was committed to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Parsons moved suspension of the rules to take up Senate bill No. 133: "A bill entitled "An Act granting certain real estate to the city of Austin."

On motion of Senator Bowers the report of committee was adopted, and the bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed; and on motion of Senator Flanagan the rules were suspended and bill read third time.

Senator Priest moved a reconsideration of the vote ordering engrossment.

Motion to reconsider lost.

Yeas and nays taken on final passage of the bill. Result as follows:

Yeas—Alford, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—25.

Nays—Douglas and Hertzberg—2.

Bill passed.

Senator Mills moved suspension of rules to take from file Senate bill No. 94, "An Act to expedite the construction of the Southern Pacific Road."

Yeas and nays called for. Result as follows:

Yeas—Alford, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Saylor, Shannon—21.

Nays—Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Priest, Ruby—6.

Rules suspended, and on motion of Senator Flanagan, the bill was made the special order for Monday, at twelve o'clock, M.

On motion of Senator Ford, the rules were suspended to take from file Senate Bill No. 81, "An Act to legalize an ordinance adopted by the Convention on the twelfth day of December, 1868,

authorizing a special tax to be levied for the Waco Tap Railroad Company in Fall and McLennan counties."

Report of Committee read and adopted.

Bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed, and on motion of Senator Flanagan, the rules were suspended and the bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Parsons, the rules were suspended to take from file Senate Bill No. 11 and substitute to be entitled "An Act for the relief of the Eastern Texas Railroad Company, and to authorize it to branch the same as therein stated.

Rules suspended and report of committee read.

Senator Mills moved the bill be recommitted. Lost.

Message from the House by Chief Clerk :

House bill No. 129, "An Act to incorporate Waco Lodge No. 92, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

On motion of Senator Hertzberg the Senate adjourned to Monday.